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back at 2015
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SNOW DAY AT THE PARK VALLEY POOL



Merrita Luffa Western Review

Snow Day kept children entertained at the Park Valley Pool in Drayton Valley. Children collected snow, got into snow ball fights and ate snow cones and jumped in the pool to warm themselves up. See more pictures on page 12.

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News

Ski hill is closed for the current winter season

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Drayton Valley Ski Hill is currently closed for the 2015-2016 winter.

The DV Ski Hill Facebook page states that the ski hill has been denied road access. A post on draytonvalleyskihill.com states that the "land owner has denied road access to the ski hill".

The Western Review had spoken to the property owner who owns the private road and a board member from the club in February 2015. Back then the club members wanted to go back to the negotiating table as the agreement was expiring in April.

Drayton Valley Ski Club members did not get back in time for the deadline to a recent interview request by the

Western Review.

A few weeks ago, the matter came forward at one of the Bruneau County council meetings when a motion was passed to let the two parties sort out a short term deal.

Bruneau County administration found that as of Oct. 1, 1997 the caveat for the easement that was held by the Drayton Valley Bruneau County Snow Club with the landowner who owns the access road expired and hasn't been renewed.

Since then, annual agreements have replaced the caveat and there have been recent breakdowns in negotiations with the ski hill being left with no access to the facility this winter.

At the time of the council meeting, county administration found that some ski club

members were in the process of investigating several options for both the long and short term.

County council had a choice to either become involved in the negotiations and provide guidance and support or let the stakeholders work through their short term options on their own. A unanimous vote was carried to let the two parties work on their own for the short term.

A friendly amendment was put forward by Coun. Marc Gressler for administration to participate and take an active role in securing both long and short term access should the club members approach the county administration. The amendment was denied by Coun. Shirley Mahan who put forward the motion to let the two parties work on their own for the short term.



Members of the community were enjoying the outdoors at the Drayton Valley Ski Hill last winter, which may not happen this winter.

Christmas giving keeps going in the Drayton Valley area

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

Christmas giving by the community to less fortunate families continued right up until Christmas. Said Tomahawk Wishing Tree organizer Christa Nicholson, "Thank you to the many generous people in the Drayton Valley area and to the Petro-Canada on the south side of Drayton Valley for organizing and collecting items to help those in need this Christmas."

There was a local Tomahawk area family who recently were the recipients of the Christmas tree donated from Canadian Tire late last week. In less than 24 hours, after hearing about the donations, Drayton Valley residents and business owners were able to raise more than \$2,000 worth of cash and gift cards for this family alone.

"They also collected lots of non-perishable food items and gifts for the family. Tammy and Cecile at Petro-Canada are amazing examples of the wonderful people in our community who go above and beyond everyday to help others in need. Yes, Drayton Valley, you did it again. What a great place to live!"



Photo submitted
Tammy from Petro-Canada on the south side of Drayton Valley stands with more Christmas gifts for the family whose children wanted a tree for Christmas.

LETTERS POLICY

To be considered for publication, letters to the editor must include the full name of the author for print and an address and phone number for verification.

Letters may be edited for length, content, grammar, spelling and libel.

We will not print anonymous letters. As a local newspaper we focus on local events and our letters section is reserved for residents in our readership area.

Letters can be e-mailed to: cathy.weetman@westernreview.ca or dropped off at our office during business hours.

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- 50 Avenue
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- Madson Avenue
- All other areas where speeding is a concern

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UP & COMING...

FCSS HOLIDAY HOOPLA

Our Holiday Hoopla has begun! The contest will run until January 15th, 2016. Check out our Facebook Page for a list of qualifying photos. The first 60 people who enter a qualifying photo will receive access to our EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY HOOPLA FAMILY SWIM PARTY on February 13th!! We will have food, relay races, volleyball and lots of family fun! Find out more at facebook.com/DraytonValleyandDistrictFCSS

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We are looking for community volunteers for the 2015 Income Tax season. Benefits of volunteering include: Receive free tax software, reference material and training. Help others and give back to your community. Increase your personal tax knowledge and learn new skills. Set your own hours, volunteer as much or little as you like. Flexible one hour training session will begin in February! Call 780-514-2206 for more information

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Thursday, January 7th 9:30 - 10:30 am
Friday, January 15th 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Monday, January 18th 9:30 - 10:30 am
Tuesday, January 26th 1:30 - 2:30 pm

MORNING HOCKEY
6:15 - 7:30 AM EVERY WEDNESDAY
January 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

NOON HOCKEY
NOON - 1:30 PM EVERY FRIDAY
January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Note: There are no Shiny Practice Games scheduled for January.

KIDS SKATE
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NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wed. January 6, 2016
Council Chambers, Town Office - 9:00 am

NEXT GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES MEETING
Wed. January 6, 2016
Town Office - 1:00 pm

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

currently has the following vacancies:
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Committee application forms and the terms of reference can be found on the Town website or can be picked up at the Town office.

News

CT scanner has the funding but not a home

Mamta Lohi
Western Review

The Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation committee has been working on the CT4DV campaign for the past year and a half to raise money for a CT scanner and they have done so, but there is a slight problem: they have no room to put the scanner.

"Alberta Health Services was ready to put this equipment in now, and we could start renovating in January and we could put the CT scanner in. But we are short \$800,000," said Fund Development Officer for Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation Colleen Sekura.

The Drayton Valley Hospital needs a room renovated where the CT scanner will be kept which costs \$800,000, an amount that the foundation does not have. The foundation has been able to raise the money for a CT scanner which is about \$950,000 with the CT4DV campaign.

Before the provincial election when the Conservative Party was in power, former Alberta Minister of Health Stephen Mandel, came to visit the Drayton Valley Hospital. After the meeting a sum of \$300,000 was promised by former Drayton Valley-Devon MLA Diana McQueen to go towards renovating the room.

"Diana was just making that announcement on behalf of the minister. It was \$300,000 [that was announced] it should have been \$800,000, to go towards renovations," said Sekura.

Since the provincial election, the government changed and so did commitments. "We had an election and as soon as a new minister was appointed, we said hey, we had this commitment from previous minister and [we received] nothing," said Sekura.

To get some attention from Alberta Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman, the foundation has started a letter-writing campaign. There is a pre-written letter that residents in the community can sign and send it in or they can

hand it over to the foundation or e-mail them and be assured that the letters will be mailed. The letter requires a signature, name in print and an address.

"It gives the people in the community a chance to do something and they feel like they are doing something to make that happen. They have a voice," said Sekura.

The foundation has thought about fundraising for renovations of the room but Sekura said it isn't fair to the community as the government has paid for such an expense in other communities.

"When minister Mandel came, he said 'there are other communities raising money for CT scanner, why should I give you money?' I said, 'They don't have to renovate a room. You have paid to renovate those rooms in Wetaskiwin and Leduc. The government paid for that but you expect people of Drayton Valley to cover that cost? How fair is that?'" explained Sekura.

The foundation has also thought about mortgaging the amount and paying it off slowly.

"We thought let's take a mortgage and put it in the facility and we will get the money from the community after but what if we couldn't? And it will be difficult for us to raise money for something that's already in use," she said.

Along with participating by writing letters, the foundation invites anyone who had to drive to some other community for a CT scan to give a testimonial which would be part of a video that the foundation wants to put together to generate more interest in the campaign.

"Due to the privacy act, I can't have access to that information unless someone approaches us. So we are putting that call out. If you have had that need for a CT scan, come tell us your story if you would like to be part of the testimonial," said Sekura.

More information can be found on Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation's Facebook page including the letter that can be signed and mailed.



CT4DV campaign kicked off (above) about a year and a half ago. The Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation now has money for the CT scanner but needs money to renovate the room where the equipment will be placed.

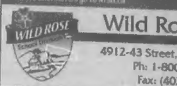
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Photo submitted

HW Pickup students volunteered their time at Causes for Children recently.



Brazeau County News

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CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Brazeau County annually appoints County residents to serve as members-at-large on various boards and committees. Prior to annual appointments Council invites interested County residents to express their interest in serving on the following. Appointments are subject to annual renewals. Attendance at meetings is a requirement for appointment.

Eligibility: Members at large must be:

- A Canadian citizen;
- A minimum of 18 years of age at the time of application;
- A resident of Brazeau County - loss of residency rescinds one's appointment immediately and the member at large must submit his or her resignation to the committee as soon as practicable;
- Notwithstanding (iii) Council reserves the right to approve a committee Terms of Reference that at the discretion of Council may vary the requirement for a member at large to be a Brazeau County resident.

PEST AND WEED APPEALS COMMITTEE

A three-member committee consisting of three members-at-large to hear appeals against notices issued under the Weed Control Act. The committee meets infrequently and only as required.

COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

A three-member board consisting of one provincial member and two members who are not provincial members. This board will hear complaints about assessments for property in the municipality, excluding residential properties with three or less dwelling units, farm land, lower property and industrial assessment. There is a mandatory 3-day training session required for this board. The board meets infrequently and only as required.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

A three-member board consisting of 3 members who are not provincial members. This board will hear complaints about non-assessment matters and assessments of residential properties with three or less dwelling units and farm land. There is a mandatory 3-day training session required for this board. The board meets infrequently and only as required.

Residents seeking to participate in the above boards or committees must indicate their interest by submitting a completed application form available from the County office or the Brazeau County website (www.brazeau.ab.ca) to the undersigned by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 15, 2016.

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All applications submitted will be presented to Brazeau County Council for consideration at the regular Council meeting of January 19, 2016.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- January 11 - Land Use Bylaw Review Meeting, starting at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber
- January 15 - Land Use Bylaw Review Meeting, starting at 9 a.m. in Council Chamber
- Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departments/administrative/employment.

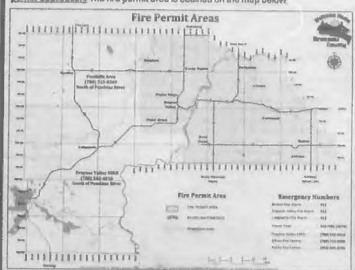
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Effective on this date, fire permits will not be issued by fire guardians in Brazeau County. After submitting an online application, a representative will contact the applicant within 48 hours to advise them of the next step in the process, which may include the need for more information or an on-site visit. All applications will be received during regular business hours, Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

Brazeau County Fire Services Bylaw #703-09, Forest and Prairie Protection Act of Alberta and Regulations Part 1: Section 4 will continue to apply to all burning in Brazeau County and residents are reminded that a permit is required for all months of the year.

For more information on fire permits please call 780-514-2216, Brazeau County/Drayton Valley Fire Services or visit www.brazeau.ab.ca/living-here/protective-services/fire-permit-application. The fire permit area is outlined on the map below.



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News

More people are looking for jobs

Marnie Luba
Western Review

A spokesperson for Alberta Works confirmed that the local office in Drayton Valley has seen a 10 per cent increase in lost traffic recently.

"We are seeing Albertans coming into the Drayton Valley works centre looking for work up about 10 per cent from last year," said spokesperson for Alberta Works Charles Strachey.

He was unable to answer questions such as what kinds of work are people looking for?

"We are not willing to go into that kind of detail," said Strachey when asked.

Statistics Canada sources have classified Alberta in eight different economic regions and Drayton Valley falls under the Edmonton eco-

nomic region which has seen a slight increase in the unemployment rate.

Edmonton's unemployment rate in November 2015 was 6.1 per cent which is a 0.1 percentage point increase from the previous month. In November 2014, Edmonton's unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent. Edmonton has the 11th lowest unemployment rate for municipalities in Canada.

During the recent interview with Strachey, there were 51 jobs for Drayton Valley in the Canadian job bank.

"I encouraged people who are looking for jobs to go into the local Alberta Works office for resources such as job search tools, help with resumes and interview skills and use of photo-copiers.

Local subwatersheds featured in a book

Marnie Luba
Western Review

Each of the 12 subwatersheds in Alberta including the local Moderate subwatershed and Brazeau subwatershed are featured in a book called *Living in the StED*.

"My hope is that *Living in the StED* will encourage a renewed pride in the beautiful rural landscapes in all the 12 subwatersheds, not just the familiar mountain areas," said writer Billie Millholland, who works for the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA).

The book has several chapters and each subwatershed has its own chapter with information and pictures.

The Brazeau subwatershed chapter portrays the wilderness landscapes, fly fishing, kayak/canoe runs and back country hiking opportunities that can be accessed from Drayton Valley.

In another chapter Moderate subwatershed shows a mix of forests, farmlands and oil lease claims. Eagle Point Provincial Park and Blue Rapids Provincial Recreation Area are featured in this chapter as well as the new Drayton Valley bridge.

Both chapters of the book contain pictures of former Brazeau County Councillor Bob Shilling. Millholland said the book is designed by Dean Pickup from Resumot who has "deep roots"

in Drayton Valley with the HW Pickup Junior High School named after his grandfather and the Brazeau Pickup Arts Centre named after his grandmother.

Brazeau County Councillor Marc Gressler, who is a board member of the NSWA, said in the future there could be several books that would be identical in size to the first one to act as a series.

"This one that's general and other books that go in depth about each subwatershed and hopefully they can be used in the local communities for tourism purposes. People say what's happened or how did this come about? And they can look in the book," said Gressler.

There are about 3,700 or so copies made of the book, said Gressler. He said about 2,500 to 3,000 copies had to be sold at which point all costs would be covered and the rest of the money can go back into the alliance.

Gressler explained that the alliance lives off by contributions by municipalities, industry or projects that the government wants to do and the book helps generate funding along with knowledge and history.

"My main motivation for writing this book was the discovery that so few people in the North Saskatchewan River watershed know the history of this vast, beautiful place. So few people have retained enough rural roots to appreciate the landscape," said Millholland.



Marnie Luba
Western Review
Brazeau County councillor Marc Gressler presented a copy of the book *Living in the StED* to MLA for Drayton Valley-Dominion Mark Smith at Smith's office on Dec. 23.

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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

On Nov 04, 2015, Distribution NOW Drayton Valley had a Customer Appreciation Day and Product Trade Show. Customers were invited into the branch for breakfast in the morning for Bacon n' Eggs and Sausage n' Eggs and a Beef on a Bun BBQ in the afternoon. Throughout the day a silent auction was held and all money raised was donated to 2 local groups. The Early Childhood Development Center and the Pioneer Agricultural Society Spray park Committee in Warburg. A total of \$2926.00 was raised and split among these 2 groups.

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our editorial

Let's start the New Year on a happy note

Several good deeds were accomplished over the past two months and they all deserve a shout out.

Families in Drayton Valley and surrounding areas were helped out this Christmas season with donations of food, warm clothing, a place to sleep in cold weather, Christmas gifts, gift cards and even a Christmas tree for a family residing in Tomahawk.

Now a building company is offering one family in Alberta a tiny house big enough for a family of four to live in. The catch is families needing a house must tell the builders why they need it and the builders will be the ones to decide who gets it. One of the tiny houses will be made with the assistance of a Go Fund Me campaign. (See the full story elsewhere in this paper.)

Even though the area is hurting with job layoffs, businesses closing

and home foreclosures, the people have nevertheless managed to pull together to help give someone else a great Christmas – and hope for the future.

Kudos to all who have truly demonstrated what the spirit of Christmas is all about.

Your feedback is requested
Since this is also the beginning of brand new year, we'd like to get your feedback on how the Western Review did this year.

Did we provide you with enough news and photographs each week? Are we missing something that you would like to see in the paper? Would you like to see more human interest stories or hard news? More photographs? Fewer photographs?

Help us do better this year by submitting your feedback and questions via email to chew@surmedia.ca.

Here's to a great 2016!

Got a news tip?

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Long live the no-workout spirit

It is almost new year as I write this column but it will be definitely New Year when you will be reading it. So, a happy 2016 to you.

Any new year brings hope and the need to make a change for many people, resolutions usually resulting from long, drunken previous nights. The hangover perhaps results in me demanding myself to make changes.

I have mentioned this before that I do not believe in resolutions. Let's face it, Jan. 1 along with most of the later January and maybe a bit of February means our conversations both online and in-person is filled with health chats. I blame the holiday cooking.

Why does this bug me so much? Because I haven't had a chance of sweat show up on my forehead since September, which is when I ran the last time as far as I can remember.

I know many people that I meet say, "You are fitter!" Well... let me rephrase I am moderately happy for these people and slightly envious. And these resolutions and results and the 100 million articles surrounding them end up on my Facebook



Manta's Musings
Manta Lulla

enthusiasm to start working out again, and, no, I don't belong in the gym. I like the idea of running outside (more like running for a couple minutes, panting, taking a break, and starting all over again) than running on a treadmill. Sure, I could start with some of those classes but I have no energy or enthusiasm or money for that either.

There are these healthy people who are now going to start with their New Year resolutions and break out the running shoes. I am happy for these people.

Well... let me rephrase I am moderately happy for these people and slightly envious. And these resolutions and results and the 100 million articles surrounding them end up on my Facebook

feed. This is when I ask, why do these healthy people feel the need to drag everyone down the healthy path with them?

In hindsight I blame others for it, but in reality it is my own guilt that is surfacing when I look at these posts on my wall because I am unable to make these big promises to myself and spending some time trying to work out a sweat.

So, I did something that both my friends and family have often advised me in the past. An amazing friend of mine recently recommended a yoga workout series on YouTube. So I gave it a go thinking it's only 30 minutes long, so how bad can it be?

So there in my bedroom with my laptop, I started with my very first online workout. Turned out it was decent enough that I did not realize how quickly the 30 minutes went by.

This new routine that I started on Dec. 28 (so it's technically not a New Year resolution) will continue into the first month of the New Year. After that? Let's have that discussion in February over a large, delicious cheesy pizza.

News

Ideology before consultation

In Alberta there are a total of 87 electoral ridings. In order to be considered the governing party with a majority, you must hold 44 of those ridings. The PC party were the predecessors to the current government, we use the term "predecessors" because they simply lost sight of the fact that they need to consider the will of the people that elected them.

The downfall of the PCs took the better part of 4-1/2 decades to collapse under the weight of ideological-based policies, as opposed to taxpayer-driven policies. The current Alberta government, on the other hand, has reached that same destination in less than 8 months.

Across Alberta, farmers and ranchers are rallying and showing up in droves at government organized meetings to express their displeasure with Bill 6, the Enhanced

Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act. The problem all Opposition MLAs are hearing over and over is that the Bill had no meaningful consultation with the people who are most affected before the Bill was tabled in the Legislature, that being farmers and ranchers.

Citing the same lack of meaningful consultation, the Alberta School Boards Association issued a statement on December 11 concerning Bill 8, The Public Education Collective Bargaining Act, a completely different Bill, with the exact same concerns. The failure to properly consult stakeholders on both Bill 6 and Bill 8 has created a great deal of concern with organizations across Alberta.

Almost exactly one year ago, as Opposition MLAs, Premier Rachel Notley and some of her current Ministers spoke openly in the Leg-

islature about the PC governments heavy handed approach to legislation. Their complaints about how certain pieces of legislation were being rammed through were eerily similar to the concerns about Bills 6 and 8. As Opposition MLAs, the NDP were calling Bills tabled by the PCs "poorly written, and unimprovable" and "legislation" that they would like to see the legislation delayed. It's been pushed forward too fast. Not everyone has had their voice heard.

The Premier herself said on May 7, 2014 "they (the PCs) plan to ram through an omnibus bill without written briefings to Assembly members and without listening to Albertans". This was while debating the PCs Bill 12, The Statutes Amendment Act that the PCs had failed to consult with Albertans and properly.

The Alberta government appears to be intent on putting NDP ideology ahead of the wishes of Albertans. An ideology only takes into account those who voted for it, but it neglects the stakeholders and rallies across Alberta the message from stakeholders is clear, they want to be heard prior to legislation being passed.

A majority government is not a license to legislate sweeping changes to lives of all Albertans based on an ideology without consultation. In order to know that taxpayers want, you have to at least ask them before you legislate. Bills 6 and 8 haven't been consulted

according to the authorities on the subject of these Bills, the stakeholders themselves.

The above article was co-completed by a small group of Official Opposition MLAs who each week, get together to ask through a legislative policy issue. As part of the process, a short commentary is compiled and then edited. The editorial committee members include GRANT HUNTER, Candace-Jayne Warner, RICK STRANKMAN, Drumheller-Stettler; and DAVE SCHNEIDER, Little Bow; WES TAYLOR, Battle River-Wainwright; RON ORR, Lacombe-Ponoka; MARK SMITH, Decora-Drayton Valley; DON MCINTYRE, Inland-Sylvan Lake

Need to get something off your chest?

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Please dim your high beams

Being on the short side, I encounter problems every day that most people wouldn't normally think of, such as reaching for items on the top shelf of a grocery store or hanging up a coat on the back of a door.

But the part of life that bothers me most happens in winter when the days are short and the nights are long, and vehicle headlights are turned on much earlier in the day.

Until this past summer, I was driving a rather low-slung pickup, and headlights of most vehicles would shine directly into my eyes. Now that I'm driving a "Toyota" wagon I'm sitting more upright so there are a few less vehicles that don't get so blind me anymore.

Unfortunately, the problem lies with the jack up trucks that seem to be built with taller chases or have been customized so drivers almost have to use a ladder to get into them. And some of them are also equipped with extra lights on their grills or above their cabs.

While driving down the highway

his, but turned on a light bar on his grill to doubly remind me of my face pain.

Short drivers like me, and even the general population, are not asking for much – just that drivers turn off their brights when they're approaching other vehicles on the highway and when they're driving in town. If there are street lights overhead, there should be no need to use brights in town.

According to the Highway Safety Act, drivers are to go from high beam to low beam when they are 300 metres from an approaching vehicle and 150 metres when behind a vehicle travelling in the same direction. Failing to do so isn't illegal but it certainly is rude and careless.

I just wish the government would bring back front license plates so that some of these bright light offenders could be visited by the police and reminded to be more courteous when on the road.



Cathy's Comments
Cathy Westman

toward approaching vehicles. I usually try to use my bright lights to remind the drivers to shut off their brights. Sometimes I have been met with the brights turned down; other times I have been ignored completely. Recently in Tomahawk, when I forgot to turn off my brights, I encountered a pickup truck driver who took exception to my brights, and not only hit me back with



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Correction to December 29 news article

There were a few errors with regarding the story about Otis the Owl and the rescue books that appeared in the December 29 edition of the Western Review. Lt. Duperson said she has spent 16 years with the wildlife centre, but hasn't spent a lot of time as a first aid station caregiver. It was not Otis but another older owl who was caught stealing chickens. Otis was found by the centre when he was just a small chick. We apologize for the errors.

Opinion

New year a time to re-connect

Christmas is one of my most favourite times of the year, the Christmas music, the hiding of the Christmas elf each night and the annual Christmas concerts are only a few of my personal favourites. Christmas for my family is also a season to relax, connect as a family and remembering what matters most, each other.

Over a year ago after we welcomed our fifth boy into our family and with this we thought it might be a good time to order cable. Now that we have had it for a while, I have been intrigued by the large amount of subtle messaging that is done via television advertising. Recently I watched the new Chevrolet ad for their new in WIR service that equips their new cars with in vehicle wifi service and that allows children to watch tv, Netflix and play video games wirelessly. The advert shows a group of children all trying to play a video game on a huge screen but there's only one controller so they have to take it in turns to play. The promoter then asks the kids how they feel having to wait their turn and after their disappointing response takes them to the new Chevrolet where they are all able to sit, without talking and interacting and play the game.

Teaching your kids about screen time balance begins within their home and is best taught by parents modelling positive screen time behaviour. As parents this has sometimes become just as challenging as it is for children and youth. As our world has become more



The amount of time children spend glued to a screen has risen dramatically in the last 20 years, a new report suggests. Children aged five to 16 spend an average of six and a half hours a day in front of a screen compared with around three hours in 1995. Teenaged boys spend the longest, with an average of eight hours. Eight-year-olds spend the least - three-and-a-half hours, according to the study. It is recommended that children spend no more than two hours each day on the computer, small screen, playing games or watching TV. Long periods of use should be broken up as often as possible.

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First Nations Financial Transparency Act



Jim Eglinaki
MP - Yellowhead

lors as was required by the First Nations Financial Transparency Act (FNFTA). The FNFTA is seen as an important measure for indigenous peoples living on reserves to hold their band leadership to account.

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, announced on December 18th that the Government will be reinstating all funds that were frozen for non-compliance with the FNFTA as well as halting compliance measures that would require bands to post financial information online. Presently, 38 of 581 First Nations bands had yet to file the required financial information. The FNFTA is an important piece of legislation that our Government brought in to ensure that there was accountability and transparency surrounding funding to be used on reserves.

What the Liberals are doing is a step

backwards for transparency for all Canadians. Our Conservative government supported this legislation because it is based on the premise that all Canadians deserve accountability and transparency from their leadership. First Nations governments operating under the Indian Act had been the only level of government in Canada that was not obligated to make basic financial information public.

This move by the Liberal government would only leave First Nations people in the dark about how their elected leaders spend public money. Aboriginal people deserve to know where the money is being spent in their communities. After all, this is public funding.

Jim Eglinaki, MP - Yellowhead

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Drayton Valley, Breton RCMP news briefs

Thornton/Breton RCMP Attend Industrial Site Fatal Accident

Breton - On December 22 at approximately 6:30 p.m., the RCMP was contacted to attend the scene of an apparent industrial site fatal accident. Members of the Thornton/Breton RCMP and the Breton RCMP attended the scene to assist the Alberta Health Services who were already there.

On scene it was discovered that a 44-year-old male from the Drayton Valley area had been fatally injured in an industrial accident. The site is a gas plant associated with a large oil corporation and is located in the area of Township

Road 465 and Range Road 21, Westfielden County.

Investigation found that the vehicle that was operating a tank truck, delivering oil, was out of the vehicle when it apparently slipped and hit.

There is no apparent criminal element to this event and Occupational Health and Safety have been asked to continue their workplace safety investigation into the matter.

Thornton/Breton RCMP Attend Highway 29 Collision
On December 29, at

approximately 9:00 a.m., the Thornton/Breton RCMP responded to a multi-vehicle collision on Highway 29 at Range Road 11 in Leduc County. At the scene the RCMP found two tractor-trailers and eight personal vehicles, both trucks and cars, had been involved. Investigation thus far has revealed that one semi-truck maneuvered another semi-truck with numerous vehicles, including another semi-truck colliding with a car (see other article).

At this time, it is reported that there have been no injured persons, one in critical condition, one in serious condition and four with minor injuries. Leduc RCMP (SWAS) Ambulance, Alberta Health Services (AHS) Units, Leduc County Fire Emergency Services from Down, Wainwright, Calgary, and Thornton has also been on scene to assist. At least one person required medical attention from a damaged vehicle and was taken to hospital. Highway 29 at this location was impassable for most of the day and motorists were urged to find alternate routes.

While the collision remains under investigation, no causes have been determined, a heavy fog and smoke machine in the air at this location this morning did result in limited visibility as there was no traffic much less serious motor vehicle collisions involving two cars about 30 minutes prior to this event. A local resident in the area had been managing a controlled burn of a field at the time that may have contributed to some of the atmospheric conditions. Numerous large pieces of equipment were utilized to reduce the smoke with the assistance of Leduc County.

Patrols in Tomahawk continue

Minister Lalla
Western Review

Two break-and-enter cases were reported in the Tomahawk area recently as the police continue to patrol the area.

On Dec. 24 a break and enter was reported as it was in progress in Tomahawk. Members attended immediately to check the case. Suspects were described as two native males.

Another case was reported on Dec. 25 at 1 p.m. in Tomahawk on TWP 512 where two people were trying to get inside a residence and the neighbors called the police.

Suspects are described as a white male and a female.

"We have had few break-and-enter cases in the Tomahawk area lately and we are working on it. We have good leads and we have increased the patrols in the area," said Sgt. Chris Delle.

STOLEN VEHICLE
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FOUR IN PROGRESS
RCMP was called to a local bar on 50 St. on Dec. 24 at 12 a.m. due to a fight. Members attended immediately. Two

by the time they got there, the fight was over. No injuries were reported.

RCMP located one of the parties involved in the fight as he was trying to leave. Members found he was intoxicated and for safety purposes they changed him and released him in the morning.

REPORT STOLEN
On Dec. 28 a house on 44 St. in Drayton Valley was broken into and a rifle and a laptop were taken. Police are still investigating the case and asks the public to come forward with any information.

DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE
RCMP received a complaint around 3:15 p.m. on Dec. 26 about a parked vehicle's window that was smashed in Drayton Valley. The vehicle was parked behind a local pet store in town.

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LOTS OF SNOW AND BUBBLES



Maria Latta Western Review

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The Drayton Valley Bridal Fair is back

Jessie Kinnison
Western Review

The Town of Drayton Valley is holding the town's fifth Bridal Fair. The fair will be on Jan. 24 at the Mackenzie Conference Centre from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kim Verheul, event coordinator, said the event will follow the same format as in previous years.

"People can visit local vendors. That is the biggest thing for us is to promote local vendors in having weddings in Drayton Valley. There will be a lot of vendors from decor to travel, make up, nails, and there is going to be a dress shop at the fashion show at 1 p.m.," Verheul said. "We are also going to continue on with the passport program like before so brides-to-be will go to each partici-

pating booth and get a little sticker and then they are entered to win a grand prize."

Verheul said everyone is invited especially those who are planning a wedding.

"Everybody is invited and it is free admission," she said. "They can meet our local vendors and help them plan their amazing day."

Past bridal fairs have been a success, according to Verheul.

"We have had really good success with it," she said. "We have had brides from out of town come, too so it is drawing attention, which is nice."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/draytonvalleybridalfair or contact (780)514-2566.



Photos submitted

The fifth Drayton Valley Bridal Fair will be held on Jan. 24 at the Mackenzie Conference Centre. Local vendors will be at the event. The photos above were taken in last year's bridal fair held on Feb. 1, 2015.



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Registrations now open for local choir

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

The Valley Voices Community Choir is now accepting new choir members to their Spring session. Anyone aged 16 and up who has a passion for music is encouraged to join the choir.

"Anybody who would like to sing in a choir or anyone who would like to improve their singing ability can join," said choir director and conductor Tammy Flett. "Anyone who has a willingness to learn to sing and has passion towards music [are welcomed to register]."

Being able to read music is an asset but is not a

requirement.

"If they have the ability to read music, that is always a bonus," said Flett. "That is always a good thing to have but we do have a lot of people that sing in choirs that don't read music and we help them."

Flett said singing is not only a fun activity but it can also be a stress-reliever.

"People can join just for enjoyment but also singing in a choir is very therapeutic. There are many health benefits to singing and it just a very nice evening out when you can sing together with other people in your community," she said. "We have lots of fun and we have quite a good community choir. The choir has

been to two provincials and I think we have been recommended more often than that, but we are not always able to go and we just really have a fun time. It feels really good when you have a long day at work and you are feeling kind of groggy and you don't really want to go anywhere, once you go to choir and start singing you start to feel really good."

Registrations are open every Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. until Jan. 18 at the Drayton Valley United Church. For more information, contact Tammy Flett at (780) 542-6106.

Make a new year's resolution to protect human rights

News Canada

(NC) Now is the time when many of us make resolutions to live our lives a little bit differently — to lose weight, to quit smoking, or to start volunteering for a good cause. It's also a good time to resolve to do your part to protect human rights around the world.

Here are five things you can do to protect human rights this year.

1. Get informed. Find out about human rights issues by reading newspaper articles, or by contacting organizations like Amnesty International — either through their web site or by visiting one of their offices. They have a wealth of information on a wide variety of human rights issues.

2. Inform others. Organize a "lunch and learn" at your office, or bring a speaker on a particular human rights issue into your workplace, school, or place of worship. Most organizations have volunteers or staff who would

be happy to share information about the issues they are working on.

3. Use your freedom of speech. Speak out on behalf of those who have been silenced. Sign a petition, write a letter to a government urging them to respect their citizens' rights, or join a rally — there are lots of ways to advocate for human rights and here in Canada it's legal and safe to do so.

4. Volunteer with a human rights organization. There are hundreds of human rights groups working across Canada on a wide variety of issues. Get involved.

5. Join Amnesty International's Urgent Action Network and take action when someone is in immediate danger of being tortured or killed.

To receive a free information package on how to get more involved as a volunteer in human rights work, you can write to Amnesty International, 1992 Yonge Street, Suite #303, Toronto, Ontario M4S 1Z7.

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Creative ways to enjoy family time

News Canada

(NC) Between busy work schedules and endless extracurricular activities, fitting in quality mealtimes can be challenging for many families.

Cooking together is the perfect way to slow the pace. In addition to creating a bonding experience, family cooking also provides the benefit of developing essential life skills for your children.

For the Goodman family, life is as busy as ever with Scott (father) and Penny (mother) both having full-time jobs, like (son) being an industrial actor and Tessa (daughter) being a competitive gymnast. Regardless of how hectic life can be, the Goodmans have created a mealtime routine that accommodates the entire family.

"When we first started preparing family meals together, our goal was simply to help our children learn how to cook. It has evolved into so much more than that because it gives us the invaluable chance to enjoy each other's company and connect as a family," says Scott Goodman.

The biggest things that discourage parents from cooking with their children are time constraints. A survey of Ontario parents found that 77 per cent believed that they did not have enough time to share their cooking skills

with their children. But research has shown that it doesn't have to be time consuming.

These three tips from the Registered Dietitians at Dairy Farmers of Canada will help you start the year off right and get your kids cooking with you in the kitchen:

1. Let them know they're welcome. The next time you're preparing a meal, ask your children to help. Don't fret over mistakes or messes — consider it a learning experience for kids to experiment and understand food.

2. Start out simply. It's important to build your children's confidence. Make cooking fun by getting them to try an activity that interests them or a step from their favourite meal.

3. Build their confidence. Kids need to know that you trust them in the kitchen. Once they've mastered simpler tasks, give them more complex jobs so they stay motivated to continue cooking.

More information on cooking with kids, as well as easy nutritious recipes visit FamilyKitchen.ca.

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Year in review

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Fifty teams celebrated Oltman's 50th year in January 2015. ABOVE: The two teams as part of the A-event competed each other to win their event trophy. Nabors Production Services, with skip Mark Tomaszewski, was given the winning trophy.

FEBRUARY



Western Review File Photo

Then Alberta Minister of Health Stephen Mandel was invited by then MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon Diana McQueen to visit and tour the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre on Feb. 21, 2015.

MARCH



Western Review File Photo

The Ringette Alberta U19B Provincial Championship was held at the Drayton Valley Ovalplex from March 27 to 29, 2015. The local U19 Velocity Ringette team were the provincial champions.

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News

A tiny house to be given away to a family in need

Justine Kinmoden
Western Review

An Albertan company, Serenity Acres Tiny Homes, that builds houses is wanting to give away a house to a family in need in Alberta.

Ashley Baptiste, co-owner of Serenity Acres Tiny Homes, said that their company would like to give back to the community.

"We have been watching a lot of people struggle to make ends meet, people that are close to us, as well as a lot of

stories that we have just heard through media and of people that got laid off," Baptiste said. "They do not know how they are going to get through the holiday season so we thought we'd try to give back and help a little."

Any Canadian citizen who lives in Alberta who is interested in getting a chance to win the house, can send in their stories to application@serenityacres.com. However, only one will be chosen and Baptiste said it will be a difficult decision.

"We have already received many, many stories from families in struggling

times," he said. "It is going to be a difficult decision to make but we are just going to have to talk with them and go through it and try to decide who is most deserving and most in need."

Donations are also being accepted by the company to help build the house. Anyone interested in making a donation can visit <https://www.gofundme.com/tinyhousestaying>.

"(We need) \$40,000 to cover all the materials needed to go to that one house," Baptiste said. "We started a Go Fund Me campaign so we are hoping to get the word out about that and go to the

community for the money who can and would like to give back and help their fellow neighbour in Alberta with going in to help us with this cause."

Baptiste said the house will be tiny but can fit a family of four.

"The house that we are going to build is 18 feet long and about 170 square feet with the lot," he said. "It will comfortably fit a family of four provided that they are prepared to (cut down) their belongings and live simply. There will be one bedroom and one sleeping loft upstairs."

Volunteers needed for tax season

Justine Kinmoden
Western Review

Adults who want to learn more about filing taxes and lend a helping hand can register as volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

A free tax software, training, and reference materials are just some of the benefits a volunteer will receive.

"It is a really good opportunity to increase your personal tax knowledge," said Drayton Valley and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program assistant Jennifer Pynn. "And the returns they will be completing are simple returns so they are not complicated situations so it is a really good place to start learning."

Knowledge about filing taxes is an asset but not required as training will be provided.

"The training sessions will start in February and then the tax season runs from March until the end of April," said Pynn. "The training is online so it is really accessible. They can almost do it whenever they have time available. It is not a set schedule. They could do it at home or if they wanted some help they can come in and they can do it here (at the FCSS office). I will probably set up some training sessions so some of us will do it all together. Whatever works for them, it is really flexible."

Pynn encourages anyone interested in volunteering to contact her at (780) 524-3306 for more information or to register.

"It is a good opportunity to give back to the community," she said. "You can volunteer as little or as much as you like. If you want to do it a couple of hours a week that is fine and if you want to do a lot, you can do that as well."

The volunteer income tax program will run from March 2 to April 29 at the Carol Lapointe office.

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Breton man armed for future victories

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

An arm wrestler from Breton has won a super heavy-weight left arm championship title while competing in a province-wide tournament.

"I won the title, I will now defend the championship. I would like to hang on to it long enough," said the Breton arm wrestler Shawn Blurton who is

also one of the co-founders of the Breton Arm Wranglers club.

Blurton won the title in September in Grande Prairie and will be defending his title in another tournament at the end of January in Jasper.

Breton Arm Wranglers is part of Battlezone Alberta, a professional arm wrestling league across the province with about eight clubs including Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge, Grande Prairie and Fort

McMurray.

Battlezone Alberta President Perry Bruhn said the league that is well invested in men will now look into women's weight classes as well and start training them.

"We are looking at two right arm and two left arm (classes) and they are just trial for now to see if we can get more women trained up," said Bruhn.

He added that the women who have shown an interest in

the sport have either taken a break or taken family time as a result of which there is a new wave of interest generating from up and coming women.

The league will also be trying out for amateurs and youth classes to spark up interest there as well.

"The league is for trained athletes. We have amateur divisions now that people can come off the street and compete against people at their

own level and the youth as well which is going to be a big asset for us in the future. We will start training them young."

Wrestlers like Blurton are training for the World Arm Wrestling Federation Championships in September 2016 and the nationals in July 2016.

The Breton Arm Wranglers practices Monday nights and is looking for club members and sponsorship. For more information call 780-898-0613.

DV Skaters bring home bronze, silver and gold medals after Whitecourt Regionals

Cathy Weetman Western Review

Twenty-two skaters from Drayton Valley attended the Northwest Region Open Skating Competition in Whitecourt from December 4 to 6 and brought home a total of 20 gold, silver and bronze medals for their efforts.

The skating competition featured 30 different events, and at the end, the skaters returned home with five pinks, two silver and 13 bronzes.

The club, which boasts 128 skaters and seven coaches, is now preparing for its annual ice show, to take place on February 20 with a Broadway song theme.



Cathy Weetman Western Review

Pictured are the skaters who attended the competition are (front row, l to r) Hanna Schaeff, Jade Lynn Cornelissen, Presley Elliot, Ryan Beckett, Haley Reid, Lena Eckmanns, Bryson Friesen, Makana Velho, Kristin Dasthorst, Alice Schaeff and Kaylee Dusterhoff; (back row, l to r) Alyse Barley, Leah Baden, Ann Stamper, Rylie Fedoruk, Katelyn Parel, Morgan Beckett, Jennelle LeBlanc, Alexis Hogan and Branna Beckett.

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The 25th anniversary of the Drayton Valley Kilt Club Performing Arts Festival was celebrated from April 13 to 24, 2015 at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre.

MAY



Western Review File Photo
The fourth annual Drayton Valley Triathlon was held on May 8, 2015. The event started at the Park Valley Pool.

JUNE



Western Review File Photo
The Drayton Valley and District Soccer Association held its first jamboree for different age groups including minor and U8 to U12 from June 2 to 4 and June 10, 2015.

JULY



Western Review File Photo
The Drayton Valley Mosquitoes Tier III team hosted Provincials from July 23 to 25 and also managed to win a silver medal in the process. This was the second year in a row the team hosted the Provincials and later in the year the Drayton Valley Minor Baseball Association received an award for their effort in hosting them.

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The Drayton Valley/Brazzau County Fire Services held a week-long kids' firefighting camp from Aug. 17 to 21, 2015.

SEPTEMBER



Western Review File Photo
Community members were able to say hello to some friendly zombies and walk away from the not-so friendly ones as the River Valley Players hosted its annual Zombie Run event in September 2015.

OCTOBER



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DV100 kicked off in September 2015 with 250 participants. The annual event cycling event is put together by the Drayton Valley Community Foundation.

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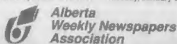
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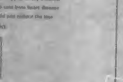


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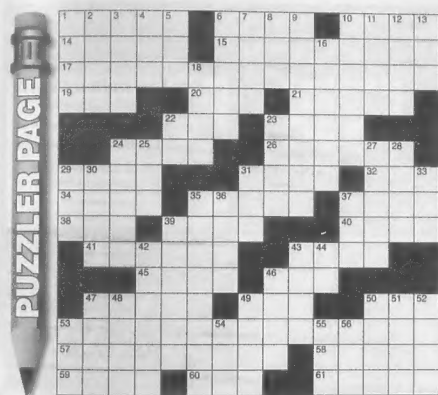
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Aries, practically a big part of your
personality, but sometimes thinking
through the reasons to do something
over and over can be tedious. Let have a little bit
this week.

TARUS - Apr 21-May 21
Taurus, expect to feel pulled in two
directions this week. It's a good week to
start, but in the same measure, you have
much going on at home. Think things over
carefully.

GEMINI - May 22-Jun 21
Gemini, you may find your energy levels
unusually low this week, and your
productivity may suffer as a result. Maybe
someone else can encourage you a bit and
lend a helping hand.

CANCER - Jun 22-Jul 21
Cancer, you will get to your destination
soon enough, but the trip may be a bit of a
headache. Patience is essential this week;
otherwise, you may get impatiently.

LEO - Jul 22-Aug 21
Misinformation is spreading, so research
everything to make informed decisions this
week. Leo, it may help you avoid an
expensive mistake down the line.

VIRGO - Aug 22-Sep 21
Virgo, you may have a wonderful time with
family or friends this week, even if you are
crunched for time. Savor the small
moments as they come your way.

LIBRA - Sep 22-Oct 21
Libra, this is a good week to catch up on
paperwork, filing or tedious tasks you have
been putting off. Make use of the slow
week to reorganize.

SCORPIO - Oct 22-Nov 21
Scorpio, you will be missed as much as
you miss another person this week. Wait
out this separation a little while longer,
keeping in mind that your reunion is on its
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SAGITTARIUS - Nov 22-Dec 21
Do whatever you need to do to do to do to do
your spirit, Sagittarius. Spend some more
time with friends and avoid prolonged solo
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News

Resources available to students after high school

Dear Working Wife

My son is graduating from high school this year, but he still doesn't know what he wants to study afterward. How can I encourage him to find a path and follow it?

Signed, Worried

Dear Worried:

The huge variety of career options combined with an unfamiliarity with the workplace and the weight of choosing the right career can be overwhelming for some.

Fortunately, there are a number of resources available to help young Albertans decide what careers interest them and how to pursue success in the workplace.

Start your son's journey off right with these six steps:

Step 1—Self-discovery is the foundation of solid career planning. Getting to know yourself can be tricky, though. The Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) web site <http://alis.alberta.ca> offers a free online, self-directed career-planning tool called CAREERwise that he may find helpful. He may also prefer to use the This Is Your Life workbook, which is available in the Publications section of the ALIS web site.

Step 2—Encourage him to explore careers that fit his list of wants and interests. This may be just the thing to get him excited about his post-secondary education and how to pay for it. You can learn more about scholarships, bursaries and student loans, and apply for loans, on the Student Aid Alberta website www.studentaid.alberta.ca.

Step 3—Get him to narrow down his choices. Suggest that he interview people who work in the careers that interest him. Informational interviews will give him a real-world view of the job and they might open up other exciting opportunities. Job-shadowing, volunteering and part-time jobs are fantastic ways for students to pick up valuable work experience and try out careers before they spend years in post-secondary.

Step 4—Help him choose a program and then a school. The EdInfo section of the ALIS website <http://alis.alberta.ca/edinfo> is a searchable database of nearly 2,800 different education programs available in Alberta.

Step 5—Apply. The ApplyAlberta website has made it easier for students to apply to one or more post-secondary institutions, authorize transcript transfers, and avoid having to fill out the same information over and over. Check out the ApplyAlberta web site at <http://www.applyalberta.ca>.

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Finally, if you would like any more tips to help you work with your son, check out the Career Coaching Your Teen: A Guide for Parents publication on ALIS.

Good luck to you both.

Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wife at charles.strachey@gov.ab.ca. Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.

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